

To the King and both Houses of Parliament.

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Friends,

We have much cleerness to present our suffering condition unto you, as to our own concernments; though we are sensible that many of our dear Friends and Brethren are deeply exercised in the same Tryal with us, which unto you have been presented in a general manner, but as our sufferings are carried on by such persons as do not seeme to be sensible either of Law, Equity, or mercy, so we cannot but lay before you the sad effects which are produced by their means and yet likely to be continued if not by you prevented, for we do not perceive that they who first put their hands to work against us (since by your Act they were encouraged) do intend to spare us whilst we have any thing they can take from us, and many of us they have already left in a very low Estate as to outward things for they have taken both our Corn, Cattle, and Household goods, so that we are as a people which seemingly are appointed to a day of outward distress in a high degree, and whereas we have been capable of doing good unto others, and have relieved many in their outward wants, and paid our Taxes to the King, and our Rents unto whom they were due, and maintained considerable Families in a comfortable manner, we are now made altogether incapable of doing such things through the violence of some men against us that pretend your Act for what they do, and that you who are the outward authority of a Nation, should have your authority concerned in the desolation of so many honest Families (and especially the name and authority of the King) we may have some cause to hope that the serious consideration of your own concernment may stop all future proceedings in such a manner, and to cause all persons who do employ themselves to ruine us to cease from their violence, for our hearts are grieved within us to see how men act daily against us to their own hurt, besides the sorrow that attends us to see our Children and Families deprived of that comfortable lively-hood which they and we have been partakers of through the mercy of God, and we do not know that we have ever given just occasion why it should be so done unto us, and having clear Consciences in the sight of God for having any intention against you to do you harm, we must needs say that we are afflicted in our Innocency, and it is a very great comfort to us as from the Lord that we are Innocent from any just charge of evil, and as the Lord God hath made us Innocent and in that life preserves us, he

doth not condemn us as being guilty of offences against you, and therefore you have no cause at all to punish us offenders.

Oh King and Parliament, Remember the time of your own adversity, and how a way was made for you to come into your places of authority, and be ye merciful as God hath shewed mercy unto you, for our condition is sad as to outward things, and though we shall not now trouble you with particulars, but living you may have seen something of our sufferings stated with other of our dear Friends, yet know that we have since that time suffered much and the same thing is still continued in a high degree, for as the Informers clear in one place they go to another where they have any hopes to compass their own gain, and there is one Justice that appeareth ready to answer their minds in what they would have done, so that it is absolute necessity that causeth us thus to complain unto you, for we may hope that all are not like minded to bring outward ruine upon us and our Families, and we may also hope to meet with some tenderness and pity from such a great Assembly wherein the body of the Nation is so much concerned and we know it you incline your Ear to that of God in you, our cause will be pleaded beyond what we can lay before you, for that good and just principle takes notice of all your thoughts, words, and works, and if you do well, it will then be well with you, but if you turn your ear from the instruction of Life, and follow on your own way to afflict the innocent, then will you cause the Holy One to turn against you, and draw down his hand heavy upon you.

Oh King, Counsel, and Parliament, Consider in the Fear of God the End for which you have power in outward government, and make use of your power for the benefit of all that are under your power, and give glory to Christ Jesus, who is King and Lord in government everlasting, that so by your means the whole nation may be settled in love, peace and quietness, to every ones happiness.

So having briefly and plainly demonstrated the truth of our conditions unto you (from too true experience) we shall commit all things wherein we are concerned unto the true and living God; and in the Joy of his presence we rest, and can truly say that we are your Friends for your everlasting good.

From the People of God called Quakers in the County of Nottingham, the 15 of the 11 Month, 1670.

Thomas Ingel	William Watson	Thomas Hyfield	Thomas Emley	Susannah Birk	Elizabeth Petty
William Clayton	John Law	Edward Poe	John Bicks	Elizabeth Auckland	Mary Holms
Thomas Elsam	Edward Butler	Richard Richardson	John Camsel	Jane Abert	Elizabeth Cockrum
John Theaker	Nathaniel Price	Samuel Reckless	Gervas Lambert	Avis Heeman	Sarah VWatson
Robert Carnil	Tobias Holder	John Rose	Isaac Smith	Anne Birkit	Hannah Reckless
Thomas Ridge	Anthony Smith	William Wood	Roger Storres	Anne Anseberry	Jane Clark
William Raworth	George Smith	William Willamat	Joseph Hudson	Izabel Killinger	Barbary Smith
William Wilson	Joseph Wats	George Hopkinson	Jonathan Hudson	Elizabeth Trufwel	Prudence Harding
Thomas Crane	Edward Ailine	William Kirk	John Butterick	Ruth Ridge	Millecent Goss
Robert Shaw	John Blanch	Thomas Goodman	Mordecai White	Elizabeth Humphry	Elizabeth Smith
Joseph Walls	Samuel Bark	George Brumley	Anne Ingall	Mary Blanch	Anne Smith
John Truswel	Josiah Bark	George Oats	Alice Claylor	Elizabeth Blanch	Elizabeth Marcher
John Smith	Samuel Bark Ju.	James Stark	Elizabeth Ellam	Bridget Barton	Hannah Reckless ju.
Hugh Neale	Robert Grace	John Reckless	John Theaker	Anne Law	Joyce Roe
Steven Pye	Matthew Brackney	William Watson	Elizabeth Ridge	Izabel Hodson	Mary Richerson
John Gaskin	George Whitworth	John Hart	Ellen Raworth	Alice Smith	Sarah VWatson ju.
William Birket	Robert Marriot	William Smith	Elizabeth VWilson	Elizabeth Hodson	Susannah Smith
Jonathan Humphry	Richard Brownley	William Trotter	Elizabeth Crane	Margret Dring	Grace Richerson
John Cam	Richard Cooper	Boar Ellinson	Anne Shaw	Susannah VVats	Sarah Hyfield
Thomas Aukeland	Francis Cooper	Joseph Reckless	Jane Truswel	Mary VVats	Emmat Burroughs
John Abert	Christopher Branderith	James Star	Jane Smith	Anne Barke	Anne Collins
William Kent	Nathaniel Clay	Samuel Oats	Faith Sturgis	Lydye Clay	Susannah Armstrong
Michael Emly	John Roberts	Henry Dubbleday	Elizabeth Wood	Martha Grace	Sarah Noble
Joshua Turner	John Ballivant	John Draper	Ann Spencer	Elizabeth Copley	Patience VWilkinson
William Heeman	Richard Wats	John Barker	Anne Morton	Alice Brackney	Hannah Poe
Richard Birket	John Bing	Thomas Samson	Alice Smith	Elizabeth Hooton	Elizabeth Gamble
John Hall	Robert Moor	John Goodrich	Mary Garret	Anns VWilson	Elizabeth Newham
John Dewick	William Malson	Alexander Samson	Mary Watson	Mary Brig	Rebecca Robinton
Roger Truswel	Francis Clay	George Wheldele	John Theaker	Elizabeth Moor	Elizabeth Bradwell
John Ouldham	John Bingham	John Richerson	Jane Nargrave	Mary Leadbeater	Mary Oats
Joseph Humphry	George Hopkinson	Nathaniel Hopkinson	Eline Smeeton	Alice Bingham	Mary Need
James Cam	Timothy Garland	George Rogers	Elizabeth Cadé	Mary Hopkinson	Joan Hyfield
George Cam	John Langford	William Hudson	Mary VWalker	Judith Garland	Elizabeth Dubbleday
Roger Truswel Ju.	Samuel Hooton	Thomas Farnworth	Jane Throan	Alice Sinyard	Margret Samson
William Blanch	John Hotton	Samuel Nicholson	Katherine Jomlinson	Elizabeth Hooton Ju.	Margret Goodrich
Ralph Rateman	George Cockram	Robert Partridge			Mary Samson, &c.
John Bateman					